

rooms have turned into makeshift classrooms, and parents have taken it upon themselves to educate their children.

However, as we approach what would be the start of a new school year, new challenges for these families lie on the horizon.

Can parents devote more time to their children's education while maintaining their own job responsibilities?

Madam Speaker, I cannot stress this point enough: we must safely reopen schools so students do not run the risk of falling further behind.

The American people are counting on Congress to act, and we can't wait a second more.

TRIBUTE TO COL. EDWIN DENT
SELBY

HON. VERN BUCHANAN

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 30, 2020

Mr. BUCHANAN. Madam Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to Col. Edwin Dent Selby of St. Petersburg, Florida, a World War II veteran who will be 100 years old on October 16, 2020. He was born in 1920 at Fort Sam Houston, Texas, where his father, a career Army officer was stationed. He and his brother and sister were raised in many states and the Philippines.

After attending college at the New Mexico Military Institute, he began active duty as a 2nd Lieutenant on December 27, 1941, shortly after the attack on Pearl Harbor. His training started on horseback in the Cavalry branch and later transitioned to tanks in the Armor branch. He served over three years in WW II in combat theaters in North Africa and Italy. At one time he was placed in charge of 5,000 German prisoners of war. His outstanding service led him to be assigned to a high level staff position in Italy at the Mediterranean Theater of Operations, United States Army (MTOUSA), Allied Force Headquarters, Supreme Allied Command.

Upon his return stateside he met and married 1st Lieutenant Elizabeth Moffat, a U.S. Army nurse. After post war service in Vienna, Austria, he was assigned as a tank gunnery instructor at the Armor school at Fort Knox, Kentucky. In 1957 he, his wife and four children moved to Taiwan (then Formosa) where he was an armor advisor with the Military Assistance Advisory Group (MAAG). While there, his beloved wife became suddenly ill and died. He returned to St. Petersburg, Florida, as a widower with four children 10 and under where he was placed in charge of the Army reserve units on the west coast of Florida. After over 21 years of service he retired as a Colonel in 1962.

Following his retirement, he started Selby Real Estate in St. Petersburg. It was a highly successful brokerage which eventually grew to have 100 sales associates who covered much of Pinellas County. He bought and later personally operated with his wife, Janice, a 100-acre citrus grove in Parrish, Florida, where they grew, sold and shipped worldwide 25 varieties of fruit. He later expanded the grove to include a llama and emu ranch. At the age of nearly 85 he finally retired from his third career to his home in St. Petersburg Beach

where he lives today with his wife Janice. He has enjoyed a fulfilling life of service to others and has lived very active life that included swimming, horseback riding, skiing, tennis, golf and travelling.

I appreciate this opportunity to honor him for his service and wish him a happy birthday.

IN RECOGNITION OF JOAN DOWD
ON HER RETIREMENT AFTER 42
YEARS OF SERVICE TO CATHOLIC
EDUCATION

HON. MATT CARTWRIGHT

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 30, 2020

Mr. CARTWRIGHT. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Joan Dowd who is retiring from teaching after 42 years of service to Catholic education. Joan was honored with a surprise parade at Holy Rosary School on June 6, 2020.

The daughter of Joseph and Ann Baker, Joan was born on August 22, 1952 in Pittston, Pennsylvania. Committed to her faith from a young age, she grew up attending St. Mary's Assumption Church along with her two sisters, Barbara and Joyce, and she was the third generation in her family to attend St. Mary's Assumption elementary school. Joan went on to study at St. John's High School and at Marywood University.

After graduating from college in 1976 with a degree in health and physical education and a certificate in elementary and special education, Joan was hired as the assistant girls' basketball coach at St. John the Evangelist School. She then went on to coach the girls' basketball team at St. Mary's Assumption, leading her team to a league championship.

Joan began her teaching career as a substitute at St. Anthony's School in Dunmore. In 1978, she returned to her alma mater, St. Mary's Assumption, where she taught second grade for the next 33 years. In addition to teaching her students the traditional school subjects, she helped them grow in their faith and guide them through receiving the sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist. Joan devoted her time to the school community by volunteering for committees and extra-curricular activities, including the school's forensics team.

When St. Mary's Assumption closed its doors in 2011, Joan was undeterred and remained committed to Catholic education. She accepted a new post as the second-grade teacher at Holy Rosary School in Duryea, Pennsylvania. During her tenure as an educator, she taught generations of students and fostered lifelong relationships with her students, their parents, and her colleagues.

Joan lives in Pittston with her husband, Michael and dog, Charley. They have two sons, Kevin and Brian and one grandchild, Rory.

It is an honor to congratulate Joan on her retirement after 42 years of teaching in the Diocese of Scranton's Catholic school system. As an educator, her commitment to her students and school community was unmatched, and under her tutelage, her students received a first-rate education while learning many important life lessons. I wish her a restful and enjoyable retirement.

HONORING THE LIFE OF LEWIS
MERRIMAN BUTTERY

HON. BILL FLORES

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 30, 2020

Mr. FLORES. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of Mr. Lewis Merriman Buttery of Lampasas, Texas, who passed away on 20 December 2008. Lewis Buttery was born on 20 March 1924 in San Angelo, Texas, to Albert James and Dorothy Hoss Buttery.

On his 18th birthday, just 3 months after the attack on Pearl Harbor, he attempted to enlist in the United States Navy. He had hoped to join his older brothers in service—one, an Army artillery officer, and the other, a naval aviator. Unfortunately, Lewis was denied enlistment at that time due to health issues.

This denial only strengthened his resolve to serve his country. Each month he attempted to enlist until he was finally accepted and sworn in on 20 October 1942.

Lewis was called to Active Duty in June of 1943 and was sent to the University of Texas to continue pursuit of his engineering degree. He was later sent to Midshipmen School at Columbia University in New York. In March 1944, Lewis was commissioned as an ensign and ordered to San Francisco to complete gunnery school.

He was ultimately assigned to *USS Patrol Craft Escort 880* in Adak, Alaska, as a gunnery officer.

In preparation for the invasion of Japan, his ship was converted into a weather ship, and he became the areological, (weather) officer. The ship was transferred to the Marshall-Gilbert Islands area to transmit weather observations and to guide Army Air Corps bombers which were preparing the way for the invasion of Japan. The invasion did not occur due to the atomic bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, after which Japan quickly surrendered.

Prior to being released to Inactive Duty in the Ready Reserve in July 1946, he became the executive officer of the ship and was promoted to lieutenant junior grade.

Lewis was called back to Active Duty in June 1950 at the start of the Korean war, but his orders were canceled before he could reach his ship in San Diego. Ultimately, Lieutenant Buttery received an honorable discharge in 1954.

Following World War II, Mr. Buttery came home and finished his degree in chemical engineering at the University of Texas at Austin. He also married Virginia Kerzee in Limestone County, Texas, raised a family, and had a successful career.

Lewis was also a student of maps and cartography. Prior to the war in 1941, he completed courses in surveying and mapping at Texas A&M University and continued that avocation through the rest of his life. During his extensive work-related travels, Mr. Buttery collected numerous atlases and maps, which he and his wife later donated to the University of Texas at Arlington's Cartographic History Library.

He was a founding member of the Texas Map Society and author of numerous monograph and facsimile portfolios devoted to early Texas. One of his works, entitled, "Regional Maps of Texas: 1720–2001; Region 1 North